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#1 Where Daffodils Abide

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My "night" begins in the morning. I tried using dark curtains once to block out the morning sun, but then my room was really dark inside, of course it would, so I gave up on that idea---

They're a deep blue, and they're made of thick cloth.

The curtains in my room are blue

But for some reason I stay hooked down in bed, not moving.

The light coming through the curtains is thus my room is like I often dream of water

Just listening to the sound of the rough-sea water

THE FIRST NIGHT

Says the Stars



No taxi
are coming



Whaaa!!
You are
a bragg?

Come to
think of it,
is dark kind
of you like
me...

Hey, hey,
could it be
a man?

Wow!
She's
so tall!

Hey, look
at her!

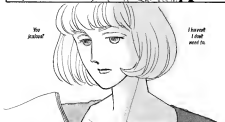
I wonder
if she's a
model?

She's
about 180
centi-
meters."

Wow... Got
them issues
to be some-
thing off
about her

*About the Text

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*And I just
got off
work*



*That job is one
of the few
ways I can
make a living*



*I'm only
available for
my job*

*hey
hey*



*I went
home
recently*

*Wasn't
it new
place?*

*Not, I don't
really care. hey,
have you heard of
this place?*

*here, she
tells keeps
she's so
full as all*



*And it
was like
it really
matters
to me.*



*Their voices are those of
men who know they can
easily walk the wide, per-
fectly paved roads before
them without any sort of
uneas or discomfort.*



*They utter
their sweet
coquetish
voices most
strongly
rounding
foolish*

*Sharp, sharp,
sharp, sharp
They sound
like little birds
chirping*





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Wow, you're a really good
walker. You'd
spend without
or something? Just kidding



Oh, don't
be so
cold

Move
it!

That looks
really, too.
My car is
right nearby.
I'll take
you home



Hey, come with
me for a little
bit. You're really
cute. I'd like to
see you in some
better lighting



No chance
Please move
out of my
way

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Well, you're certainly full
of it. ...

What
are you
doing?!



Come
with me!
Now!



Let go of
me, you
jerk!!



Keep it
down!



I'm
telling
you to
keep a
lid on it!
Ow!!



**Hey, you!
What are you
doing?!!**



You want that
high-and-
mighty nose
of yours
broken?

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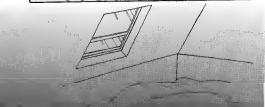
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THE SECOND NIGHT



Key: Cleaning Service

BAR ARTHUR

I'm
hesitant,
Mama?

* Used to address the owner of a bar





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Can you
make me
one
or
something?



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They're not
just in my skin.
They're in my
heart, too.



Oh,
Mama-chan.
What's
wrong?

I laughed
too much,
and now
tears are
dropping
in my foun-
dation.

Arg, Si-chan,
your mascara
is running. You
need to fix it.
This isn't a
horror fair,
after all.

That's
right!
Money
walks
right in
the door!

Take a
look in
the mirror!

What's a
horror
fair?

Yes!

Bring back
eyes!
There are a
lot of
customers
who
want to
see you.



Gracias,
mami!



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He you brought
me here
to your place?

Yes.

It seemed
you couldn't
find the key
to yours.

You're
in an apart-
ment.

Check!
Monsieur?
Where
am I?

Right? It's amazing you
managed to survive up
to this point if you're
just drinking!

You aren't a
stranger. And
you saved me
the other night.

You— the store,
don't you? You
shouldn't bring
drunk strangers
into your apart-
ment —

I don't
care what
happens
to me.

That
doesn't
matter!

I can't imagine
that leaving your
bag in the foyer
of the building
and falling asleep
is very cautious
behavior either.





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I was a student up until just recently, but I work now. I do nighttime building cleaning. The job is a bit better than sleep's during normal working hours ---

By the way, you seem to stay out all night, do you? Aren't you a student?



Sometimes I trip and fall down the stairs. Pretty embarrassing, huh?



It wasn't at the entrance of the railway

Oh, right! My bag, right? I have to find it. I don't remember dropping it, but...



Now, I don't really understand it, but you look pretty like stalling ...

I tried to retake the entrance examinations next year of the year-after class and go back to school, so I'm saving up right now.



Oh, no, I don't like it that much

I got joined
because I
was desperately
trying to blend in
and make
people think
I was a
normal boy

Even the track
team... like
that a girl



I ended up
hanging --- all
my memories of
school are bad
ones



What
wrong

But then I
ended up being
strongly
gripped at it,
and I even
made new
records



...there was
someone I
could go



Like that
moment when
you finally find
your designed
sake in a
darken place's
dark because
you got there
too late.

But now...

Anyway, I
had no choice
but to look
for a place
where I could
live without
having to lie
anyone.

No matter
where I was,
at home, not on
the streets, in
the classroom,
or even in my
room.... I
was always
scared.

At all
night.

It was
fun at
first.

Oh. And no
I'm working
at the bar
now. Please
don't be
concerned if
you'd like.

For some reason, even when
the bar is bustling, some-
times I still feel kind of like
I'm still back in that class-
room where I felt so lonely.

Are
you all
right?

Are you
okay,
Dye?

Oh found it!
Wow. So it
was in my
wallet all
along....

even though I
don't have to
lie anyone.



THE THIRDNIGHT

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Site: _____ Hospital: _____





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It says he's the
grandson of a famous
Japanese pianist, and
his wife is the daughter
of some politician. He's
a table coordinator.
Their children are pretty
and intelligent-looking.



ダブルハウス



Any, are
you honest
yet?



Anything's fine. Any. I
have a presents for you in
apology for the trouble I
caused before. It's a
Vermont cake

Wouldn't you
shouldn't
have? I'm so
happy



Well Oh, good after-
noon. Or maybe that
should be good evening.
Good morning?



Well?

Any, what
we're do it,
How about
we have tea
together?

It'll be fun. Having
tea while everyone
and is doing in
their beds.
Anyways, I bet you
don't drink



I'll bring
it over
tomorrow



Oh
that's
right



ダブルハウス



It looks like you
were a happy
family, living in a
suburban house.
Why are you
living in such a
cheap little
apartment now?



That's right.
I don't care
there's no chance
of that.

They won't
get a divorce?



Thanks to
the skill of
the photog-
rapher

We look
happy in
the picture



It's
true

So
why?



You'd never even
think to imagine
that my father
had a mistress,
that he even had
children with her,
and that he and
my mother are
divorced



Even my mother
didn't tell me about my
father, she really
seems to like her
current lifestyle, so...

Their attitudes coincide in
this respect. My father is
an authority on educational
issues, so "a sound family"
is like his motto.



Thank you,
I'll gladly accept it.

Well, you
never knew
unless you
ask. Now
you go.



Reverend



I may just be seeing
things from the wrong
point of a contrary child,
but I don't want to have
just a half-hearted,
"Well, that's how things
go," sort of understanding
of the situation.



My mother's
great love is
well-ordered
creaky.



You told
someone
like that in
your life?

I'm sure things
would have been
just perfect if I
had married the
man whom my
mother deemed
appropriate.

Yes,
once.



For the longest
time, it was like
I was just one
of my mother's
devoted

as on the table,
she would have a
perfectly-arranged
set of plates, sparkling
knives and
forks, seasonal
flowers, and me,
wearing one of my
mother's favorite
scoops for us.

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I used to live my life under a golden Prasee, but I realized one day that the people under the Prasee were terribly poor.

In order to realize a picture, one has to remove it from the Prasee. That's what I'm doing right now.

Foreign, national-
ity, sex, things
like that... they're
all Prasees, aren't
they? They even
include the body
known as "I."
don't they?

And I have even less
than they do. Call her
a drag queen, a
transy, whatever you
want, just put me
into an established
genre of people. If I
don't have that, I'd
just be a Prasee. I
couldn't stand that.

Not many people
are so blessed.
Real regular
people couldn't live
without Prasees.
They need some-
thing to put
themselves

You know, that
thing was
created by a girl
from an affluent
family, whose
pretty face and
slender shoulders
would lead anyone
to call her "cute."

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But you don't really fit in the "usual" House either, do you?



I suppose

...But Akko-san, you didn't like being in the "usual" House, so you escaped from it, right?



That's right. And seeing particular women who are the perfect archetypes of the House really pisses me off. I wonder why?



Don't worry.

That sounds like a real talent as a complement, but it's actually a really lonely thing, isn't it? It's like I won't be able to figure out who I am anymore.



I thought so. You're the sort of person who doesn't settle for things, Akko-san. You don't need a House. Your picture is complete just on its own.





A... ah...
I can't
swim...



Oh, but please don't let it
bother you. Please think
of what I just said as
having all the experience
of a cat's paw. I know
that my feelings will
always be unrequited.



Wow, it's
already
dark.



I'll give
you a job.
Please take
whatever
you'd like.



They're
very low-
maintenance.
They're
perfect
for me.

Those gen-
tlemen are
precious.



It's fine! Do
you want a
wheel one?
Or a real
one?

What? But
I feel like
you're
always
giving me
things.





Maybe we really
are a little bit
like each other

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LATER



Don't talk
about
grabbing out



God if we don't
get down now
from here to
down, our bones
will rot from
pressure, instead of when
we're old.



Yeah

Let's just
enjoy the
present
for now!



It's
because
we're not
used to it

The sun is
so bright!

Let's
walk in
the
shade!

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Note: Japan uses a different currency measurement than the USA.
The conversion is as follows: ¥100=US\$1, ¥750=US\$10.

Unlike all the
other times,
I wasn't just
boredom down
in bed listening
to the sound of
the water.

It was a
blue dream,
a dream of
blue water.

One day at dawn
hard, down accord-
ing to the way I
keep time! That's a
short dream.

but I wasn't
afraid of
anything.

Nobody looked
me with any
power or told
me what direc-
tion to go in.

me that
stretched
far into the
distance.

There was no up
or down, no left
or right. Just a
rainbow of light
that I threaded
my way through.

I was
swimming.

but ended up
keeping it to
myself for the
time being.

I considered
telling her
about it.

but in my
area, I could
still feel the
freedom of
being in the
water.

That day I went
through my usual
routines: making up
my face, getting
on a dress, and
going to the bar.



Really?
Is that
what you're
thinking?



Is it
that what
you're
thinking?

If I told her she'd
probably have come
up with some self-
important theory
about it.

she'd prob-
ably have
gotten all
worked up
about it.

If I told her
that she'd been
confronting
with me in
my dream for
some reason.

And

She dwells in the broad --
Where Pathos -- and --
Her Maker -- Her Metropolis --
The Universe -- Her Maid --

Early Pathos



タルバウ

They say that deep, deep within the forest
Stands a tree on which dream-fruit grows.

After hearing the rumors,
We've set off in search of it.
Though our wings are small,
I'm sure we'll make it there.



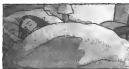
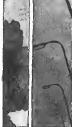


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Box 1

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He used
you to
practice
on?

one of my
cousins is a
barber. He
offered to cut
my hair for me

Oh.

...What
happened to
your hair?

Oh, you
have a
pajamal

What would you like
for breakfast? A
Western breakfast?
A traditional
Japanese breakfast?
Rice, for a change?
Or I could make up my
plate. You know,
the whole thing they
have in cafeterias.
That could be fun.

I see.

Apparently it's
hard to give the
top class sort of
dinner.

You're
hung
over?

Go ahead. Use
whatever you
want, Tokyo-
chan, but just
use enough for
yourself. I'll
eat on break-
fast today.

May I
use it?

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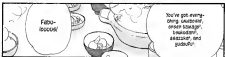


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I thought
you might
say that.
That's why
I picked
Mr. Eric
Partridge
here.

Maybe I'll
have some
after all. It
looks good.



Fu-
fu-fu-fu!

You've got every-
thing, outdoor,
open kitchen,
breakfast,
sauna, and
garden!



Oh, a
great
view.

You've
invited. I'd
like to hear
what Mrs.
somone is
like, and in
my life.



If you say,
"Make room
with a good
wife someday."
I'll hit you.

Fu-fu-fu,
you really
will.



Kept. The reality isn't as pretty as the Fantasy. It's all a question of how good you can make things look.

Didn't I do those commercials with her Fantasy, where they're all smiling and happy?



The popular actor X'son may be having an affair! According to a woman's weekly that went on sale today, X'son and the famous actress Moon are---



Don't talk that!

Why do married men have affairs?



X'son.

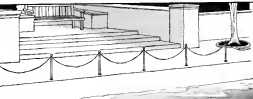


sounds like my family.



Well, you'd better find a man who isn't like that, Fuyuko-chan.

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3. A condition where one develops cracks and splits at the corners of the mouth.



Stink, because snacks and sweets accounts for about half of my daily calorie intake.



But you used to have a lot of acne, and pimples!



Hehe.

I've always had delicate skin. I was born in the north.

Your skin has been looking good lately!



do it's broad!

But Haka-chan, I didn't think you were a very good cook —



huh?



Food really is the key element of one's life stage. If you improve your diet, you'll see a lot of good changes over time, and overall.

If I could only give up eating drinking and sleep, I could get rid of the bags under my eyes.



**Whaaat
?!**

You're being weird a girl!

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She works night-
time, clearing build-
ings. She gets back-
home at dawn and
sleeps until the
afternoon. Then eat
breakfast, after
she gets up. It's
pretty much the
same as my
schedule.



But our schedules
are completely
opposite from
normal people's!

That's why I give
her free run of
apartment and
fridge to make
breakfast for
the two of us.



I love those
anime docu-
mentaries
being shown on
TV. I always
like them.

You're so
dainty,
Peko-chan.

Oh,
yes.

Well, I suppose
we complement
each other-- the
old answers
and classics.



Forever!



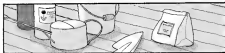
Is Peko-
chan here?



She doesn't have
a prestigious
family. She's
probably just
playing house for
a while-- I doubt
she'll stay long.

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I bet it grows there.

Maybe not.

Maybe.



I think it might be arogata. Well, maybe not. But, if you think about it, it's not any kind of like weeds in Europe, aren't they?



Yes!

Yes!



Psycho-
drama!



I was
advising
you?

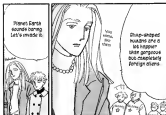
Yes?
Really?

I'm thinking of
going shopping
for some
clothes before
work today.
Want to come?

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It could
go...
very
good.



Well?



I'll take
care, then.



We can offer
that for you,
if you wouldn't
mind making a
few purchases
here!

Really?
All right.



It's a bit
tight in
the neck.

...That one
also looks
good well...



Yes



Please
close
again!



But when will I ever wear
it? It's like
something a
president or
our leading
brands
would wear.



Oh!



The clothes
choose the
person. The
store the
customers
know that.

Well,
that was
refreshing.
It doesn't
happen
often.



71

Sold here for
a minute.
Fasta-rasta!



**Hey!
Wait!**



*It was you,
wasn't it? You
were following
around my apart-
ment building the
other day! And
you asked for me
at the bar and
then disap-
peared!*



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I'm
sorry, Ma-
am.

It's
me.

You've
got it all
wrong!



And today, you've
been swanking
around, spying on
me! Why are you
doing this? Tell me!



It's
because
of me.



I... you're going out with that friend, I can't even tell if it's a man or a woman—



We just live in the same house—

You're got it wrong, you know



You sound sad!



If I'd known what you were like before, I never would've agreed to a date with you in the first place

Now I'm glad we broke off our engagement.



Angry!



Pinder don't butt in!

A reminder for the poor souls it contains a second shorter text page.



What do your parents think of all this?

When I think what you could've ended up as a member of my family, it gives me the creeps



It's all right.
I'm sorry.
Juso-ssan



Hey!



Think of all the
tears they've
shed over their
shameless
daughter!



---Is that why
you've been follow-
ing me, Juso-ssan?
So you could tell me
those things?





But her family didn't seem to understand it
was over. They kept
trying to push the
engagement forward on
their own, and things
got a bit complicated—

We were never
even engaged.
He was all of two
years. I turned him
down immediately
after the second
wedding.



But the minute I
tried to get a word
in regarding an
invitation to agree
with me on some-
thing, he'd turn
his back.

God, while we
were talking, I
realized some-
thing. If I just
nailed and
nodded, he
was happy.



So it was
charming but
surface, and a
good conversa-
tionist to
boot.

Was he a
cockard
right from
the begin-
ning?



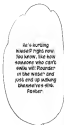
And I thought
to myself: "I
couldn't even be
friends with
this person."

Our conversa-
tions ended up
being me basically
just talking to
me—talking down
to me, really— the
whole time — he
was just the big
foolish.



Yeah, I see
what you
mean.

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It's a really deplorable tactic. It's what the wicked people do when they want to divert attention away from themselves.

So he's looking for people to look down on so he can make himself feel better. He's drowning, and he wants to sink someone else down to get the leverage to get back to the surface.



We'll have to be on our guard.

But from the way he acted today, I don't think he'll get over that anytime soon.



You've done nothing wrong. Worrying over things like that will only get you down.



It's not even that hard to catch.

Okay, then! Let's put on that happy stuff behind us! This was the highlight of our day!

Oh!
I wanna see,
I wanna see!

Maybe I'll
try it on
again!



See.





It's an acquaintance of mine.



No, I...



Oh, I'm sorry, but we've already closed for the day. I know it's a bit earlier than usual, but...



Oh, I see.

Well, go right on ahead, then.



You have no right to order us around like that.

You shouldn't drink so much, should you? You don't look like you have much tolerance for alcohol.

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What
are
you?



What—



But how should I
answer that? Well,
I don't really
want to answer
a question about
biology—



Oh, yes. What's a
deep question,
considering
your kind of
inhabitation



And I sort of
get what she
means, though
I don't com-
pletely under-
stand it.



but that I
don't really
need down-
loading the
data.

Fujita-chan
would say
that I want
to be in the
"accident"
Prison.





Excellent Posing,
excellent grades,
excellent job, even
excellent socializa-
tion... Your Prouse is a
great, four-star
offer! But people are
so blinded by it---

Compared to
me, your
Prouse must
really be
significant



**Shut up!
What the
hell do you
know?!**



that the
picture needs
the Prouse is
pathetic-- it's
boring and
insubstantial



that they
don't
realize



I'd stick to
that sort
of woman
from now
on if I were
you.

It was just a case
of bad luck, really.
There are thousands
of women out there
who don't care
about the picture as
long as it has a nice
grated Prouse

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*A violet in my lapel
And a kiss on your hand*





Spring days fly by
Gone as a sigh

Let's throw some color for happiness,
Is out on the town.



Excuse
I'm late?

I knew it was
you, even just
from the back!



No brotford
your obser-
vations are so
broad.



Who-
somebody

Meets the spring spring,
My dream's dream.

#2---End---

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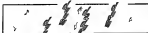
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#3 Inside the Window Where the Wild Roses Grow

*Even though the world isn't kind to me,
I still love everyone.*

I want to give everyone a hug





Maybe it's finally over. I'm going to eat that goddamn elementary school on fire out of these dogs.



Come on!

Excuse me!!



Good morning! It's Fokko.



After being bothered by those dogs, it's great we off more than anything else!

I really

We apologize for the inappropriateness of the previous announcements.



We won't know until we try.



Maybe they'll wake with the break.



Why don't we try calling the city's grievances department? Asking them to turn down the noise is better than setting the place on fire.

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don't
do it!



Well, that's
something
to look
forward
to, then

You cut it
any shorter,
and you'll be
bald



Yes.

...right,
with a
sneak! Did you
cut your
hair
again?



Now, how
would you
feel about
cutting it for
breakfast?

I was just
waking

I was just
waking
up, and
you were
already
here!



Hello!



Our guest today is Tim
Kiyoko-san, whose mark
as an entertainer... and
a wonderful mother...
keeps her very busy



Oh I do
sort of
remember
that.

Yes, isn't that
woman... can be
an idol singer?
She wasn't very
popular, but...



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* A kind of framework that supports climbing plants.



Here,
MAGGIE!



Should
I?



Oh, how
pleasant
they're
wonderful! Where
did they
come from?

I grew
them in my
garden.



Is it I got them at the
plant fair-- they had
good prices on our
flowers too. Well, next
year I ought really be
able to bring in flowers
from my own garden.





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Koko-
chan?

What? You want the
magic app? ... Well, if
you're sick, I under-
stand ... But what's
Koko-chan?



What?
Again?

I'm sure
she's suf-
fering from
the stress

She said
she needed
a sick day,
but there
was some-
thing going
about it.



She hung
up ...



Shek she
got dropped
again



It was
just lying
down then

Give her a break!
Anyone could tell
these women's
going to work out
between them!

Probably

You mean, by
that young man
who came
here before?



When she loves someone,



When *tsuki-kan* falls in love, it's serious.



and she'd gladly give
run the
for her

she wants
to be with
that person
forever.



*Hold run
for the
hills—!*



Especially
for a
small guy.

Yeah, it
could be
a little
stuffy.



Well, I do get that,
and I think it's a
beautiful thing, but
it's not realistic.



All
right.



She sounded
really upset. I'm
a little worried.
Could you go and
check in on her
tomorrow.
Maka-chin? You
love her, right?
Don't you?

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It's clear
We'd be
doing us
and ahead.

Are you
sure you'll
be right for me
to cover
with you?



Don't be
chance with
a smile on
your face
That'll be
enough

Do you
really
think I'll
be of any
help?

Broader,
and more
the
author.

Appear-
ance
she's dis-
pre-
sented
right now



What?



I assumed you
to look-
before, and she
and she wanted
to visit you





If a dream
is impossible,
you're happier
not having it at
all -- at the very
least, you can
avoid going
through some
painful things.

---Believe me,
I know I can't
keep on repeating
this foolishness
forever.

"Then she
looks?"
Mama's so
satisfied!

---But
some looks
I forget.

We want you
to get back
on your feet
and come
show your
style to the
bar again.

before I ended
up a broken-
down soul like
this ---

what it was
I used to
long for





Tell Akasa I'll be taking a few days off, and guess I'll be back when I've polished myself up a bit



Okay, will do



Don't say it if you're old, then what else should Akasa?



Oh, dear. Kase wouldn't let me!



Big rebellious breasts are almost like the next thing, I see, Paul. Then...



You know, Kase-chan, I may look like a washed-up old fading star, but just wait. Makeup and a dress on me, and I'm a whole new woman...



Good morning!

Akasa-chan might be beautiful, but unfortunately, she's just another one of those



it's so beautiful!



He's so pretty



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*names are used to address a person's character.





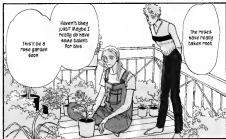
Thank.



I put the leftover vegetable soup in the refrigerator.



Oh, it's so bright it's really nice out today.



There'll be a new garden soon.

Haven's thing just? Maybe I really do have some talent for this.

The roses have really taken root.

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Will she be able to hold up under the pressure?—

As I'm a little worried about her.



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Please
forgive my
long absence,
everyone.



It's perfect for your
secondtime— Oh, he's so
broad and stinking,
just like that a girl
wants to cling to!



Koko-
san!



No stay
here for a
bit, dear



I'm sorry
I made
you
worry

I'm so glad
to see you
back here!



?!



Oh-
san!







How god
gives her
to me



The
truth
is...

Oh, I see. That was a
joke. That was a joke.
What's it? ... do what's
like real story? Did
someone tell you to
take care of their child
for them?



I understand
how you feel,
Koko-san. But the
baby is real. You
and you can't
separate.
Where? Tell me!



I didn't feel like
doing anything.
Even just being
and golden
tadpole.



I was just putting
on a brave front
before when I
told Koko-san.
I'd get over it. ---



And then I
saw her. When
our eyes met, it
was like the
dark clouds all
disappeared.





*There's no way
that could happen!
Her parents were
the sort of people
who'd leave it baby
in a basket out in
the blazing sun!*



*Why? Isn't it obvious?
You don't know what
could be going on with
her! And her parents
could have changed
their minds and come
looking for her.*

*Why
would I?*



*Oh, did she
scare you?
I'm sorry,
Machiko-
chan.*



*Do you need
your diaper
changed?
Ah. Look,
the you
don't.*



*That's not
the problem,
Koko-chan!
If you
don't---*

*Don't worry. I'm
pretty confident
that I can do this.
I took care of my
younger siblings
all the time.*

it would be
bad for her
too, too,
huh?

That's right. This is
sensible. If things
turn bad, Noko-chan
could be in real
trouble. She'd be
terribly hurt, too.

Noko-chan
Noko-chan

She seemed very
determined...
but we can't just
sleep back and
let her do this.

Says, says
What should
we do?

I have to
do it!
Agree?

Yes, exactly! So
please, persuade
Noko-chan to inform
the police right
away!

Please!
You'll do
it, right?

Well, Noko-chan, I'm
asking you because I
know that you have a
good personality even
though you're bristly, and
that you're popular
even though you have a
sharp tongue, and that
you can't stay no.

"Misinformation" Horribly "water cooler" The cartoonist
 encompasses a range of establishments, from right
 culture houses bars to drug clubs and the like



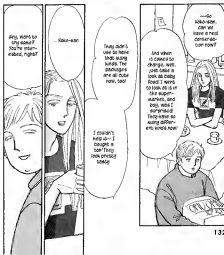


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No!

I know, but a baby isn't a thing "finders keepers" doesn't apply here.



Bob...
I found...



So if I lose her now, I'll disappear again. I'll sink back into nothing.

I wonder what I found again? When I held her in my arms, I felt like I was holding someone that lived once in my life.



It felt like
someone I'd
once loved.

The only
thing I
need









I tried to prepare myself for her words

Then I'd be an accomplice to kidnapping

I was half-afraid she'd take "Machopunch" and run

That was a relief.

Well, Koko-san kept her promise in the end.

So cute so cool, Koko-san. That must have taken courage!



It must have been hard for her.



Why did she abandon the baby?



The baby's mother turned up after a week. It's weird that she was, I suppose... for the time being, at least.

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Maybe she would've been broken off with some-one...



I wonder if "Hatchao-chan" will have a happy life...

Well, I don't know...



The baby's Father is addicted to gambling, and her mother is lacking... apparently they have a lot of other problems, too...



No, that's totally out of the question

Couldn't Hatchao-san become her Father's parents or something like that?



In the end, there's things like "lean" and "widen," or "mother" and "father," just suppose? Are they really that important?



Well, there should be she's indeed an A sign on her Family register, but she kind of looks like a woman. Would she be the girl's mother or Father?

Why?



He's love what's really important? To love one's child broadly and deeply?

Gravely may be
human, but if you
close off the possi-
bility of things hap-
pening, they really
never will.

I'm sure a lot of
advancements will
be made in science
and medicine in
the future.

Ideally, yes, but
reality doesn't
always work that
way. Most people
think that's a
"retard" of sorts.

I may think of myself
as a woman doing
research, but I'm not
good with children. I'm
not predisposed to
taking care of them.

Maybe you'll get
the chance to
really be a
mother yourself,
Noboru-san.

Now I'm
more sure
than ever.

That would
be a little...
fun.

You have nothing to worry about, really. There are plenty of biological women who are just like you. It's perfectly natural.

Really...?

But I'm a little worried now-- it feels like I've lost another piece of my identity.

No, I suppose you're right.

Well, I can't say I'm surprised. You did happen to see Pore in the elementary school.

But someone like Koko-san ought to be a harem regardless of gender.

I'm half happy, half sad. It's a complicated feeling...

She's overflowing with it. It's like an ocean.

Yeah, she was probably born full of love that she'd end up bestowing on other people.





Oh! There's
a bug on
the leaf!

Oh, not that
one of my
dear little
roses!

It won't
get away
with
that!



Compared to
her loss, mine
is like a little
puddle of
water!



...then,
is that so

Well, a watering
can full is enough
to make roses
grow



Well,
whatever!

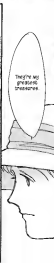


So I've used up
all my love on a
rose garden for
the veranda.
That's about
all of poetry...



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But right now,
they both seem
to me like a baby
that's been left
out in the sun

Before, I
would've just
said, 'Oh
dear!' and that
would've been
the end of it



Then,
some day,
I'll go out
there.

I don't really know what
exactly I can do for them,
but I thought I'd start
off by learning about lan-
guages and getting
used to the shape



You're going
to be like the
mother of
everyone on
earth now



I'm not being
serious. This
is probably
more for my
sake than
yours

Wow, Koko-san
You certainly
think big! I've
expressed



But I don't have
time to be
depressed over
being dumped
anywhere.



Even though the world isn't kind to me,

I still love you all.



I'll embrace this planet.

I'll embrace this time.

I'll embrace... these feelings.



Because my arms are so broad

and my heart is soft.

#3—End—